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1. The Naval Repair Workshops in Sukhumi and their subsidiary mine storehouses were only partly in operation in summer 1951, as the extension to these shops was not begun until the end of 1949. The site of the shops is on the coast to the east of Sukhumi, to the west of the railway line coming from the east and running along the sea front until it bends away to the north, some $1\frac{1}{2}$ kilometers east of Sukhumi, by-passing the town on the north through a tunnel. The area of the workshops measures about 300 x 300 meters. Its eastern boundary runs along the railway embankment while its southern boundary runs along the sea front.
 2. The accommodation for workers (No. 2 on the sketch on page 4) is situated some 300 meters to the north of the workshops and some 200 meters SSE of the railway bridge over which the railway described above crosses a river approximately 30 meters wide, which flows into the sea in the eastern part of Sukhumi town.
 3. In summer 1951 the whole of the workshop area had been levelled. The eastern boundary was enclosed by a four-meter high wooden fence to prevent the area from being overlooked from passing trains.
 4. The following buildings were on the grounds of the workshops:
 - a. The workshop administration building (No. 4 on the sketch), with brick walls, faced and color-washed in green-brown. The building has two stories and 24 offices. It is in the northeast corner of the area, near the railway bridge (No. 3 on the sketch).
 - b. The Mechanical Workshop ("Mekhanicheskii Tsekh" - No. 7 on the sketch), size approximately 100 x 50 meters by 9 meters high, fitted with skylights. In summer 1951 about 40 benches for high-speed processing, six planing machines, and approximately six grinding machines were installed in this hall. In some of the shops there were still some

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empty positions for machines which had not yet arrived. The foundations were ready with built-in anchoring bolts.

- c. The department for processing iron sheets for ships' hulls (No. 12 on the sketch) had been fully installed by summer 1951. This department had three large sheet-cutting machines with a maximum cutting length of two meters, three hole-punching machines, and a hydraulic shaping machine for bending sheet iron.
- d. Raw materials, tools, and accessories were stored in a primitive wooden building with a sheet iron roof (No. 6 on the sketch), situated on the western edge of the shop area.
- e. The transformer plant, which was fully equipped by summer 1951, is in the center of the area (No. 5). Current is supplied over the high-tension overhead circuit. Apart from this, current can be supplied by the municipal thermal power station at Sukhumi. All electrical installation work throughout the area was completed by summer 1951.
- f. The sea front is formed by a quay wall. Two moles were already in use. A breakwater, of which about 600 meters had been completed, was under construction in summer 1951. About six barges and two sea-going tugs brought stones for building the breakwater. On each mole there were three cranes, each with a lifting capacity of 1.5 to 2 tons.
- g. Along the eastern border of the works area there are two underground passages (Nos. 8 and 9), which lead under the railway line in an easterly direction for a distance of about 300 meters. These passages lead to the mine storehouses under the hill to the east of the shop area. Ground and floating mines are stored here. A narrow-gauge railway track leads from the underground passages to the moles. Two small Diesel locomotives draw special cars along this narrow-gauge track.
- h. The workshop area is planted with deciduous trees and bushes for camouflage purposes.

Personnel:

- 5. a. The Chief of the Workshops is Engineer Zamurayev.
- b. The Chief Engineer is Engineer Khukiy, who is responsible for installing the machines.
- c. The building operations were supervised by Captain Solomakhin.

Installations in Sukhumi:

- 6. The following industrial enterprises are in the town of Sukhumi:
 - a. A fish canning factory employing about 500 women.
 - b. A fruit and vegetable canning factory.
 - c. A silk spinning and weaving mill.

Military Objectives in Sukhumi:

- 7. A group of warships, consisting of mine-layers, mine-locating craft, and motor torpedo boats, is stationed at Sukhumi.
- 8. In summer 1951 two mine-locating craft were alongside the new moles.
- 9. Some 10 kilometers to the southeast of Sukhumi, right on the coast, there is a large building site. Levelling work was proceeding in summer 1951,

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and several underground passages were being excavated. The stones for building the new moles in Sukhumi were obtained from here.

Legend to the Sketch:

10. The attached sketch shows the approximate location of the various installations in the area of the naval repair workshops.
 1. Railway bridge.
 2. Accommodation for labor employed in the workshop.
 3. Railway bridge over the sunken road.
 4. Administration building.
 5. Transformer plant.
 6. Storehouses.
 7. Workshop buildings.
 8. Northern underground passage.
 9. Southern underground passage.
 10. Narrow-gauge railway.
 11. Breakwater.
 - 11a. Breakwater under construction.
 12. Sheet-iron processing department.
 13. Moles.
 14. Wooden fence.
 15. Railway line.
 16. River - name not known.
 17. Sukhumi town area.
 18. Black Sea.
 19. Hill under which the mine storehouse is located.

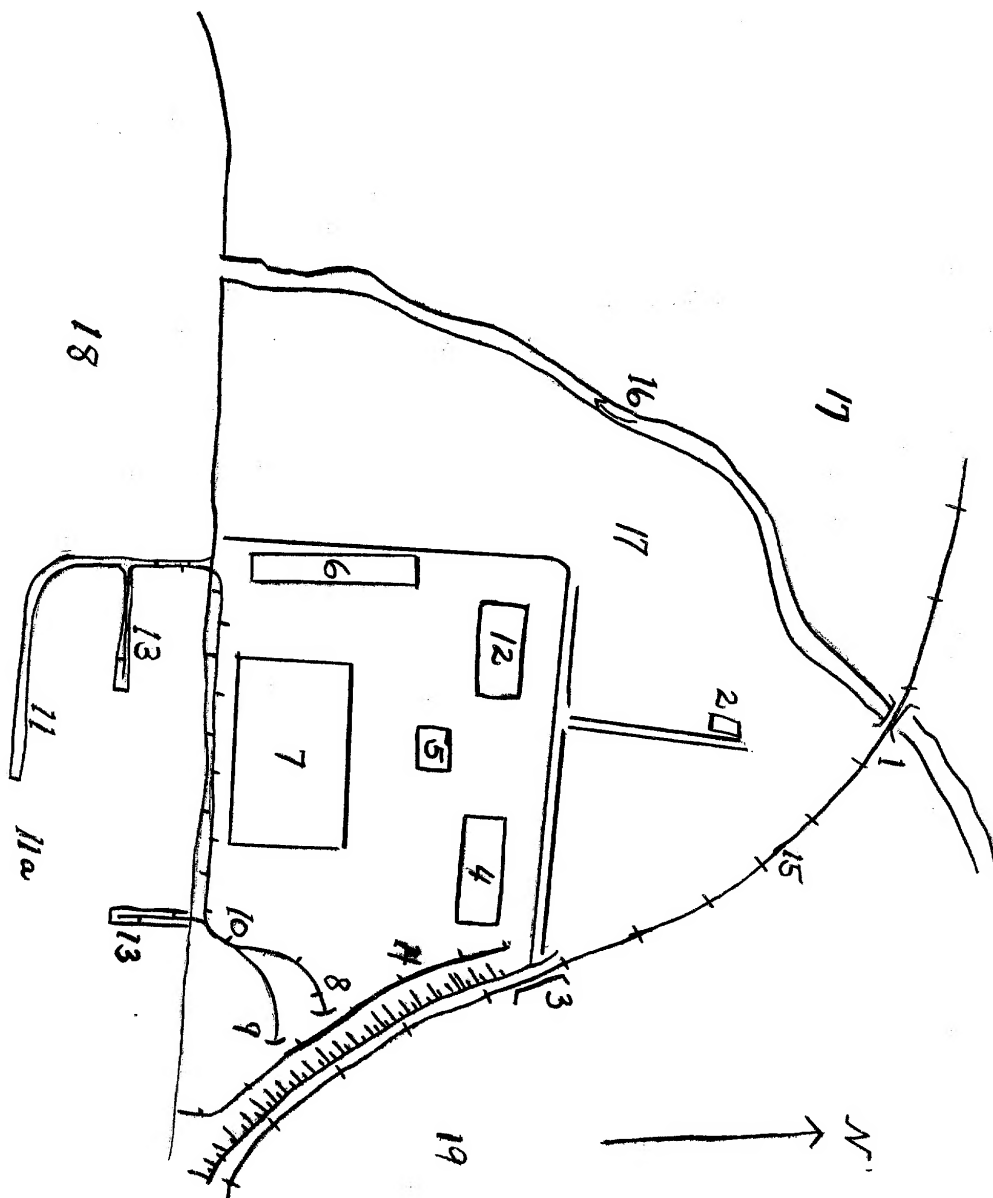
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